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COAL MAY BE FREE.

Solitary Concession Made to Canadian Commissioners at the Washington Conference.

American Boast That Canadians Have Been No Match for Dingley and Associates.

Expected That Treaty Will Be Formally Drafted Before Close of January.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 22.—The next session of the joint Canadian high commission will be limited pretty closely to a fortnight. Lord Hershell, the British member of the commission, is booked to sail for Europe on the 25th of January. He cannot delay longer in the United States for the reason that he is obliged to attend the opening of the Paris arbitration on the Venezuelan boundary, being one of the arbitrators.
There are indications that after all, the joint commissioners regard the prospect of reaching an agreement as much brighter than they did just before the adjournment of the session, and the opinion is now expressed in well informed circles that before Lord Hershell's departure a treaty will have been agreed settling all the points in dispute between the two countries and even making some slight progress towards the attainment of reciprocity.

CONCESSION TO CANADIAN COAL.
Seattle, Dec. 22.—Under the heading "Washington Coal Trade Threatened—Its Destruction May Be the Price of Reciprocity With Canada," the Post-Intelligencer publishes a despatch signed by its Washington correspondent, Allan B. Slauson, as follows:

"Washington, Dec. 21.—The one concession which the Canadian members of the joint high commission have succeeded in securing is the free entry of Canadian coal into American ports. This much has been definitely agreed upon, and the treaty which will be drawn up for signature immediately after the holidays will contain this provision. The coal industry of the state of Washington is the vicarious sacrifice for the benefit of the Atlantic fishermen. As this is the solitary concession made to the Canadians, the result of the negotiations is looked upon here as a triumph for American diplomacy, although it is characterized by the Canadians as an exhibition of 'Yankee shrewdness.'"
"Certain it is, however you call it, that the Canadians have been no match for the quiet, clever chairman of the ways and means committee, Dingley, of Maine, and his associates."

In the matter of the seal fisheries, North Atlantic fisheries and right to construct warships on the great lakes, the United States has secured what it wanted almost to the fullest extent, and gave almost nothing in return.
"Canada hoped to get reciprocity in trade to a large degree. What she will get is a very small measure of this. Even now it is about the only thing the Canadian diplomats can point to with pride, and even in this the balance of trade will be in our favor. Canada will have to take this or nothing, for the above it, in brief, an outline of the treaty to be drawn up by the joint high commission after the holidays."

BURGLAR FOUND DEAD.
Probably Shot by a Pal in Mistake for Owner of House.

Quincy, Mass., Dec. 22.—A most peculiar shooting affair occurred early this morning at the winter home of John Shaw in this city, when a robber who had plundered the house, lost his life. The whole affair is mysterious, as the occupants of Mr. Shaw's house declare that they heard no shots fired and did not know that their home had been entered until the body of the man was found by a servant.
The body lay directly in front of a bay window, which was open. The burglar's coat, hat and shoes were on the piazza, just outside. The man wore a new suit, in the pocket of which a gold watch, diamond pin and two pairs of eye-glasses belonging to members of the Shaw family were found. There was a bullet hole in the left breast.
The police are working on the theory that the robber was shot by a pal, who was watching outside and who may have mistaken the robber for the owner of the house.

BARGE HURT'S BATTLESHIP.
Massachusetts Struck a Submerged Wreck and Not a Rock as First Supposed.

New York, Dec. 22.—The finding of several long splinters in the edges of the hole in the bottom of the battleship Massachusetts today has led to the belief that the ship struck the wreck of a barge which sank off Governor's island several years ago and that the damage was therefore not caused by her running too close to a reef in low water. The examination of the battleship disclosed three large dints in the port side of the vessel forward. One of the officials told a reporter that the injuries were more serious than had been anticipated. Three plates, he said, would have to be removed and replaced with new ones.

GEORGE SNEEL'S FATE.
Provincial Detective Finds No Evidence of Poul Play, and Thinks He Was Drowned.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Inspector Jos. Rogers, of the provincial detective force, has been at Parry Sound investigating the disappearance of Donald Snell, of Brockville, who was last seen on November 20 and was feared to have met with foul play, his hat and coat being found on the railway track near Rose Point, a few miles from Parry Sound. Rogers report that there is no ground for suspecting foul play, and it is generally believed that Snell was drowned in an arm of Georgian Bay.

PACIFIC COAST INTERESTS.

President Hill Denies That They Have Passed Into Hands of Great Northern.

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—The Herald today says: "Positive assurance has been received that the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, with all its accessories and ramifications, has passed into the hands of the Great Northern Railway Company. This brings the Great Northern system into the field as a competitor for California and British Columbia trade."

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.—The report from Los Angeles that the Great Northern had come into possession of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company seems to be unfounded and when the report was presented to President Hill today by the Associated Press representative, Mr. Hill said it was news to him. Similar statements have been made by others in the office.

BIRD SAVES A TRAIN.
Broke Headlight and Caused Engine to Slowly Approach Obstruction.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 22.—The north-bound passenger train on the International and Great Northern railroad escaped a serious wreck forty miles below here through the intervention of a bird. Some miscreants had tied a rail securely across the track. A few miles before reaching the spot a bird, blinded by the headlight, flew against the glass, breaking it and extinguishing the light. This necessitated running slowly to the next station. The train proceeding at reduced speed struck the obstruction, tearing up the track and damaging the front of the engine but no one was injured.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Minister of Justice Claims Province Has No Right to Prescribe Judges' Qualifications.

Postage Within Canada Not to Be Reduced—Elaborate Returns of Trade.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—An "I. Wm. Mullock" proclamation will be sent out on Saturday, about the imperial penny postage, but nothing will be said about reducing the domestic letter rate to two cents.

Hon. David Mills considers that the British Columbia statute which provides that anyone appointed to the judiciary must have been a member of the provincial bar for ten years is ultra vires of the legislature.

The staff of the customs department is working overtime these days on the trade and navigation returns. This blue-book promises to be much larger this year than heretofore, owing to a double set of statements of imports—that is, under the preferential and under the general tariff respectively. In addition the department is preparing a third table giving total imports under both heads.

ASHORE OFF JAMAICA.
Atlas Line Steamer in Danger of Becoming Total Loss.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 22.—The Atlas line steamer Andes, Capt. Colebo, from this port to New York, went ashore on Plumb Point reef at 2 o'clock this morning. Tugs and lighters are endeavoring to dislodge her. The high water and the heavy sea prevailing will probably cause the Andes to be a total loss if the tugs fail to pull her off.

L. E. & W. PRESIDENCY.
New York, Dec. 22.—It is announced that Mr. George L. Bradley, the present vice-president and general manager of the Lake Shore & Western railroad, will succeed to the presidency of that railroad made vacant by the recent death of Mr. Calvin Bryce.

SUGAR CHEAPER.
New York, Dec. 22.—The American Sugar Refining Co. today announced a reduction in the price of package sugar from 4.18 to 5.06 cents, equal to 1/8 of a cent a pound.

WINNIPEG CLEARINGS.
Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—The weekly report of the Winnipeg clearing house issued today is as follows: Week ending 22nd December, clearings \$2,418,815; balances, \$43,008. Corresponding week 1897, clearings, \$2,141,510; balances, \$400,336.

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RUSSIA'S DAY DAWNING

Completion of the Asiatic Railways Will Add Immensely to Her Great Power.

Prediction That Russia, Britain and China Will Combine for Partition of Asia.

Chinese Supplies Drawn Across Russian Frontier and Open Door of Little Avail.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 22.—John W. Bookwalter, of Ohio, who has just returned from a three months' journey through Russia, told the correspondent of the Associated Press in interviews to-day that he enjoyed unusual facilities for observing what is going on in that country. He travelled to the terminus of the Trans-Siberian railway, to the end of the line reaching to the frontier of Afghanistan, and to the end of the one penetrating China through Manchuria. All these are now practically completed. Bookwalter was allowed to go everywhere, to see everything, and to take hundreds of photographs, thanks to special permits issued to him by the minister of the interior on the application of the United States ambassador at St. Petersburg. During his journey he conversed with governors of provinces and with military and civil officials of all ranks.

"America's best open door to Central Asia and China," said Mr. Bookwalter, "is through Russia. Already all the locomotives and rolling stock on the railways are of American manufacture. Central Asia will in the near future be the greatest market in the world for manufactures of all kinds and our obtaining a virtual monopoly of this market only depends on our retaining the friendship Russia now has for us."

"A great surprise for the world is in preparation in that part of the earth, and it will come, I believe, very soon. Not many years will elapse before the world will see Russia, England and China combining for the partition of Asia. The very force of circumstances will bring this about. England and Russia will never be able to agree on the partition of China between themselves, still less will they allow the other powers to share with them in the spoils of that empire. They will be forced to defend China, which alone is helpless, against the rest of the world and to share with her the dominion of Asia."

"The alliance of England, Russia and China—the two-thirds of the human race—will be such an alliance as history has never yet seen and it will be one which will give peace to the world for centuries. All its interests will make for peace and it will be able to dictate to the rest of the world."

"America has very little to gain by an open door to China. That country is an industrial one and whatever we may now be able to sell to them the Chinese will soon be able to manufacture for themselves. One day, and that day is near at hand, whatever China buys from the rest of the world will reach her through Russia and Central Asia."

"Russia in the last three years has done more to open the doors of China than England and all the rest of the world have done in fifty years. No one who has not seen it with his own eyes can have the faintest conception of what Russia has done and is likely to do in Central Asia."

"I have travelled over 1,200 miles of railway which she built from the Caspian Sea to Tashkend, in Turkistan; over a branch of this line which runs to the northern frontier of India; over another branch which goes from Moscow to the border of Afghanistan. This last branch was not completed when I was there, but it will be open to traffic next week. There are also Russian lines all along the Persian frontier and penetrating into that country, either completed or rapidly approaching completion. All work on those lines has been done by soldiers, who in this way are not in Russia as elsewhere non-producers."

"All this tremendous Asiatic railway system is owned and operated by the government. All the lines are admirably built and splendidly equipped. I saw the bridge across the Amudaria in Central Asia at a point where the river is three miles wide, that cost 20,000,000 roubles, and is the greatest piece of engineering work ever accomplished. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the world, the celebrated Forth Bridge, near Edinburgh, not excepted."

"Wherever I went I saw cities and towns springing up as Askaniya in Turkomania, for example, which already has 25,000 inhabitants. Near Merv the czar is building a magnificent palace. New Bokhara, twelve miles from Old Bokhara, has 20,000 inhabitants. The Russian policy in Central Asia is not to bring the new and the old into too close a contrast, and so she builds her railway stations a few miles away from the old centres of population, thus forming new and entirely modern centres."

"Where do the people come from to inhabit these towns? Why, from Europe. (Continued on page 2.)"

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MUSIC AND THE PLAY.

Helmolt and His Associate Artists in a "Harvest of Sweet Sound."

The Lindley Engagement—Koster & Bial's Famous Specialty Artists coming.

Three true lovers and capable interpreters of good music were the entertainers at the Victoria opera house last evening—Gerome Helmolt, the youthful violinist whom Musin has hailed as the coming master of the King of Instruments; Miss Ida Simmons, a pianiste of more than ordinary scholarship and brilliancy of execution; and Miss Grace Preston, a contralto whose voice is one to be more and more admired at each successive hearing.

The people of average calibre would find it a difficult task to abundantly satisfy a critical musical audience; these three, however, are eminently equal to the task, the more certain of thoroughly satisfying the more critical the audience. Master Helmolt, the star and feature of the trinity of musical geniuses, though but a boy in years and in appearance does not require acceptance as a prodigy to be appreciated, nor shows the faults of method or interpretation, he apologized for on the score of immaturity.

He is indeed a master and an artist, and while he does not perhaps reach the brilliancy of that lustrous comet Musin in the interpretation of Musin work, there are on the other hand some and such concert selections which he plays as even Musin could not play them. He gave, for example, as an encore on the completion of his first programme number, a cradle song arranged by Musin that was beyond all question the brightest particular gem of the delightful evening. It is a masterpiece of the subtle, exquisite and tender melody, and as each pure and perfect note rose and swelled and melted into the next there was reverent and appreciative silence in the theatre.

Musin plays this same cradle song and plays it as he does all else, with marked musical ability. Helmolt gave it soul and character; that the great Musin does not, and in it and kindred music is already a king. It does not require musical education to comprehend; such music is the volapuk of human emotion.

In the selection from Tannhauser (Wagner), Helmolt last evening demonstrated a breadth of capacity and a mastery of technique in the remarkable way in which he handled the music with particularity pleasing, and the elfin dance lost none of its shadowy humor in the care of this boy interpreter.

True his presentation of Musin's familiar mazurka lacks the vivacity, color and precision of the older artist's style; these are peculiarly Musin qualities, however, and will come in time to the young genius, who is fortunate in combining the virtues of both romantic and idyllic schools.

Of his associates on his present tour, Miss Simmons is an ideal accompanist, accentuating all the beauties of the solo and never forgetting the subordination of the accompaniment. At the same time she is a magnificent instrumentalist, and even with an entirely unsuitable piano as last evening won golden opinions from the critical.

Miss Preston sings easily and well, her voice being clear as a bell in the upper register, and rich and sweet in the delightful lower notes. Seldom have Victorians listened to more charming, unaffected or enjoyable singing than her several numbers, "Because I Love You" (Hamlet), for which she played her own accompaniment; certain it is that Victorians never so thoroughly understood the depth and wealth of music that there is in "Oh That We Two Were Maying."

The programme as printed last evening was undoubtedly a most favorable one, several occasions, so that it should not be preserved as a souvenir of the musical treat provided. Here are the numbers as they were given, encores included:

Scherzo, C sharp minor.....Chopin
Concerto (Op. 2).....Allegro.....Du Brier
(Encore) "Cradle Song".....arr. Musin
Gerome Helmolt.
Vocal Solo, "Serenade".....Schirra
(Encore) "Because I Love You".....Hamlet
Miss Grace Preston.
(a) "Tannhauser".....Wagner
(b) "Mazurka" (dedicated to Gerome Helmolt)
(Encore) "Alice, Where Art Thou".....Hamlet
Gerome Helmolt.
Vocal Solo (a) "La Serenata".....Tosti
(b) "That we two were Maying".....Novin
(Encore) "Doris".....De Koven
Miss Grace Preston.
(a) "Song Without Words".....31.....Mendelssohn
(b) "Masking and Unmasking".....Moszkowski
(c) "The Juggler".....Moszkowski
Miss Ida Simmons.
"Elfenfantz" (Dance of the Elves).....Wienowski
(Encore) "Mazurka".....Wienowski
Gerome Helmolt.

"Major Wellington de Boots" a comedy in three acts and portraying a Georgian English man was presented by the Lindley company in the A.O.U.W. hall last evening. Mr. Harry Lindley took the leading role, and made a capital major. To-day there will be a matinee and evening performance.

On Monday night "Gayest Manhattan," which has had a remarkable run at Koster & Bial's music hall in New York, will be presented at the Victoria theatre. "Gayest Manhattan" is an extravaganza in three acts. The old farmer makes his appearance in the Mall, in Central park, and ignorant to the ways of the city, immediately becomes a target for all sorts of fun. The humors of the "pull" in politics, and of society fads are broadly satirized in this scene, and some novel and effective bits of topical burlesque are introduced. There are marches by policemen, nurse girls, and bicycle girls. Two denizens of the East, a Bowery boy and a girl, are characteristically interpreted. Other well known characters are portrayed and there is a constant succession of jingly songs and lively dances. Subsequent acts show the hall room of the Waldorf and the stage of Koster & Bial's music hall. The music is made up of very clever songs, including Octave Barbe, the comedienne; Jean McNoyle, a bright little soprano; Jennie Lewis, who has a rich contralto voice; Alta de Kerwen, a graceful dancer; and James Kiemen, George Carr, Frank Gardiner and Thomas Kierman, who are specialists of recognized ability. These are augmented by a host of good singing and dancing artists. The piece is elaborately staged and the costumes are all new and handsome. The sale of seats opens to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at the box office of the

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It is given to all who subscribe to that great family paper—the greatest in America. One dollar pays the year's subscription to the paper and picture.

LIST OF PRESENTS.

Received by Mr. and Mrs. Angus Galbraith on the Occasion of Their Marriage.

Among the many handsome presents received by Mr. and Mrs. Angus Galbraith, who were married at Calvary Baptist church on Wednesday were the following:

Miss Jane Strachan, Osborne Place, Aberdeen, Scotland, Calvary church brooch, a gold watch and chain.
Bride's mother, house linen and silver butter dish and knife.
Mrs. Morrison, of Osborne Place, Aberdeen, Scotland, cheque.
Teachers of North Ward School, Parlor lamp and basket chair.
Pupils of 8th Division, set brass fire tongs.
Pupils of 3rd Division, oak hall chair.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Watson, toilet set.
Mr. and Mrs. Angus Galbraith, silver fruit basket.
Miss Galbraith, silver pickle jar.
Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Galbraith, Roman cushion.
Miss Mary Galbraith, Paisley, oil painting.
Mr. Jas. Galbraith, Paisley, carving set.
Miss Liz. Strachan, brass crumb pan and brush.
Miss Olive Strachan, Japanese drapes.
Miss Douglas, Edinburgh, Scotland, tortoise shell paper knife.
Mrs. J. Lang, silver sugar spoon.
Miss Eleanor McClelland, flower vase.
Miss Lenora Black, cup and saucer.
Mrs. and Miss Underhill, books.
Mr. and Mrs. Grogg, silver butter dish.
Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson, Scotland, cut glass ornaments.
Master Geo. Walker, drawn water handkerchief.
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hale, silk mantle drape.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Jackson, fancy ornament.
Mrs. Roland and Miss Squires, salad set.
Messrs. McNeill, fancy slippers.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clyde, set flat irons.
Mr. and Mrs. Somerville, milk canisters.
Sauce pans, bread plate, knife, and tea strainer.
Gertrude Trotter, colored etching.
Miss Nesbitt, silver mounted salt and pepper cellars.
Mrs. McDonald, table napkins.
Miss Kate Galbraith, silk cushion.
Mr. Wm. Galbraith, Japanese tea set and tray.
Mr. J. Freeman, silver butter knife.
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, hand painted plaque.
Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Netherby, water set and tray.
Mr. James Maynard, fancy afternoon slippers.
Mr. and Miss Clark, silver berry spoon.
Mr. A. L. Clark, silver bread plate.
Mrs. Mould and family, Japanese plate.
Mrs. Andrews, berry plate.
Misses Andrews, berry spoon.
Misses Dalrymple, handsome salt cellar and butter knife.
Mr. Wm. Brydson, handsome napkin rings.
E. Hall, handsomely bound volume.
Mrs. Greenwood and Mrs. John, table linen.
Mrs. Pon (Gelsonburg, Ont.), silver butter knife.
Mrs. Sara Smith, carpet sweeper, dust pan and brush.
Mrs. J. Bishop, flower stand.
The Misses Bishop, silk drape.
Mr. and Mrs. Huggert, silver mounted biscuit jar.
Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Stewart, silver and gold egg cruet with spoons.
Capt. and Mrs. Barry, cut glass water set, tray and fancy ornament.
Mrs. and Miss O'Keefe, Japanese tea set.
Mr. and Miss King, pair flower stands.
Miss Cravatte, pair cups and saucers.
Miss A. D. Cameron, two paintings.
Mr. and Miss Dewar, silver tea spoons.
Mr. and Mrs. D. Dewar, silver pickle jar.
Mrs. Martha Fletcher, linen and handkerchiefs.
Mrs. Saunders, silver pickle jar.
Mr. H. and Miss Arthur, silver breakfast cruet.
Mr. and Mrs. James Donaldson, silver cake basket.
Mrs. Plunket, cake plates, handkerchief case.
Misses Stephen, porcelain ornament.
Mr. and Miss McDonald, silver butter dish.
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Under these circumstances, is it not the rankest nonsense for Mr. Cotton to prate to the people of Cowichan concerning the alleged hostility of the railway company to prospectors? How much more does he think prospectors want than the right to go upon the company's land, when and where they choose, and prospect for the precious metals? Does he propose that the company shall give a chromo with every location? The trouble with Mr. Cotton was that he was talking about something that he was densely ignorant of. If he had taken the trouble to ascertain the facts, which are that claims were being located by the hundreds upon the company's land, and that every man, who wished to develop a claim, was being treated by the company with the utmost liberality, the studied effort of the officials being to meet the wishes of bona fide miners, he would not have made such an exhibition of himself.

STILL GROWING.

As a gatherer of unconsidered trifles, John Bull is facile princeps. If any island is found lying around "promiscuous like," John takes it into his custody and never lets it go again. His very latest find consists of an assortment of islands of various sizes in the Pacific Ocean. When we look at the map of Oceania, we see numerous islands, most of them being labelled as belonging to some European nation, but it is a mistake to suppose that there are no other islands than these. The Pacific Ocean is what the poet called the Atlantic, a "prodigious dampness." It is said that there are thousands of islands in it which are uncharted, the great majority of them never having been visited by Europeans. H.M.S. Mohawk has been cruising around among these, putting tags upon the best of them, in the shape of the Union Jack, as an intimation to the world that henceforth they are to be regarded as British territory. Two of these new possessions are named respectively Vanikoro and Tucopia. They belong to the Santa Cruz group and lie to the northwest of Fiji. Vanikoro is described as a magnificent island, clothed with timber, but it is not favored with a good climate. Tucopia is much smaller, but has a delightful climate and is surrounded with immensely deep water, which enables large vessels to approach quite close to the shore from all sides. Tucopia is chiefly remarkable for its people, who are one of the finest races in the world from a physical point of view. They number less than a thousand, but are magnificent specimens of humanity. One man, who came aboard the Mohawk, stood 6ft. 10in. in his bare feet and was splendidly proportioned. Many of the others, who came on board, were upwards of 6ft. 2in., and women were observed on shore, who must have been 6ft. In all cases they were well built. The Mohawk's officers speak of them as magnificent people, and say that to describe them as savages is to do them a great injustice, for they are kindly and robust, comporting themselves with a dignity, which is enhanced by the remarkable manner in which they wear their abundant hair. They were much gratified when told that Great Britain would hereafter take care of their island.

But it is not only in Polynesia that the Empire is growing. Major Macdonald has been enlarging British East Africa. Details of his expedition are yet lacking, but a general idea can be formed of what he has accomplished. The despatches say that he has established a chain of posts from Lake Nyanza to Lake Rudolf. As Nyanza means lake, this information is not very definite, but an inspection of the map shows that the Victoria Nyanza is probably meant. In

a direct line it is about 400 miles from the coast of the Indian ocean to the shore of this vast lake, which is a veritable inland sea, having an area of about 50,000 square miles. The Equator crosses the northern end of it. About one half the shore, that is the northern half is claimed to be in the British sphere of influence, the other half being in that of Germany. Lake Rudolf is a large body of water lying to the north-east of the Victoria Nyanza. Until the visit of Major Macdonald not much was known of this lake by Europeans. It lies midway between the coast of British East Africa and Fashoda on the Nile, and it will be interesting to note that the distance in the shortest possible line between Mombassa, which was Macdonald's starting point, and Fashoda, his objective point, is upwards of a thousand miles. The distance is not quite as great as that traversed by Major Marchand in his journey from the Congo coast to Fashoda, but it was through a more difficult country. The occupation of the region around Lake Rudolf is important because it means the control of the Galla country to the north, which is alleged to be the most wonderful region in the world. There is a vast area here, that has not yet been visited by Europeans, although a British expedition has gone to visit it. One traveller obtained a view of a portion of it from an elevation on its eastern border, and his observations, taken in connection with the descriptions received from the natives, convey the idea that in point of natural beauty, in luxuriance of vegetable growth and the profusion of animal life, there is nothing like it anywhere else in the world. It is probable that the results of Major Macdonald's expedition will be the formal annexation of all Somaliland.

Hon. David Mills is reported to have expressed the opinion that the British Columbia statute, fixing the qualification of judges of the Supreme court is beyond the power of the legislature. Mr. Mills may be right, but he also may not be. The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council can alone settle that matter, and at present there is no likelihood of the question being taken before that body. Mr. Mills does not settle the law in any case. He simply expresses his opinion, that the courts may or may not follow. With all deference to so able an authority, we should like some one to point out in the British North America Act any provision applying to the appointment of judges in British Columbia, except the general provision vesting the appointment in the Governor-General. There is nothing in the Terms of Union applying to British Columbia the section relied upon by Mr. Mills. The Colonist does not express any opinion on the point, but it does say that Mr. Mills does not settle the question.

That clever little scheme whereby "Peg-Leg" Brown, the murderer, was induced to leave Seattle, without waiting for the formality of extradition, all of which was told to Colonist readers when it happened a few weeks ago, is likely to come to naught, for the United States authorities having been asked to interfere are reported to have done so, and to have requested that he be handed over to them until regular extradition proceedings have been taken. Of course this is strictly regular, and doubtless the Canadian government would take a precisely similar course, if a Canadian was illegally arrested in this country and taken across the border for trial.

The Los Angeles Herald claims to have information to the effect that the Great Northern has absorbed the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. If this proves correct, we may look for some new developments in steamboat business. This company's steamers have hitherto carried a good deal of freight to Vancouver for the Canadian Pacific. It is not likely that they will do so much of that sort of business hereafter, and it is also unlikely that the Canadian Pacific will be content to allow its competitors to get away with the San Francisco traffic.

The Vancouver World is agitating for a trunk road into that city to enable the farmers to drive in with their produce. While this is purely a local matter, the Colonist will be excused for interfering in it for the purpose of saying that the principle, upon which its contemporary advocates the work, is one of general application and deserves recognition at the hands of any government which British Columbia may have. The farmers ought to have good roads, so as to be independent of transportation concerns as far as possible.

Emil Ritter killed Anna Schmitz, and has gone to prison for six months for his offence. At this rate Hobson would have to live to the age of Methuselah to serve out the sentences that would fit his crimes in that line. The peculiar fact in Ritter's case was that he did not ask the young lady's permission, but took advantage of the darkness of a tunnel. Thus is shattered another fond illusion. It has been alleged, with much plausibility, that it is the inalienable right of all free-born men to kiss pretty girls in a tunnel. One by one the rights of mankind are being ruthlessly swept away.

The reports from Atlia confirm the most hopeful anticipations of the future of that district as far as we recall, not a single unfavorable account has been received. Everyone seems to be agreed that the pay gravel is widely distributed, and that some of it is very rich. It is probable that when we have a mail out from the district there will be some very interesting news to tell.

The Nelson Miner asks for a reform in the mining law so as to prevent prospectors from locating claims and then holding them for a year without doing a stroke of work on them and then re-locating them in the name of a friend, and in this way keeping them for several years. It is a bad practice and ought to be stopped.

The Province expresses the hope that in the event of Mr. Sward's defeat in Cowichan he will stay resigned. The sentiment is commendable. We have a suspicion, approaching a conviction, that the Province would not shed many tears if in the order of events Mr. Sward returns like Cincinnatus to his farm and oxen.

The guillotine is being worked overtime nowadays, but only minor officials are its victims. They are being decapitated in batches, and the government does not even take the trouble to name the unfortunates. As near as can be made out from the Gazette, a round dozen of heads have been struck off this week.

The population of London, that is, of the 633 square miles embraced in the bills of mortality, is 6,291,667. We have some pretty fair sized cities in America, but they will have to grow to keep up with the British metropolis.

Mr. Dagid Hoggan, of Nanaimo, has a long letter in the Times regarding the E. & N. belt, which is timely, because it shows that the Dominion government, and not the Provincial government, had jurisdiction over the land under the agreement.

Andree's apparatus for steering a balloon has been tested with great success. This is satisfactory as demonstrating that Andree was not taking all the odds in his experiment, but it casts no particular light upon his present whereabouts.

Colonist readers will be interested in the article reprinted from the Fredrickton, N.B., Herald in regard to the recent contempt cases and the action of Mr. Justice Martin. Coming from a disinterested newspaper, the views expressed are valuable.

It has been decided in a United States court that an alien woman becomes a citizen by marrying a citizen of that country. Now does an alien man become a citizen by marrying a Yankee girl?

The Financial News of December 7th says that although Le Roi shares had not been allotted, they were being dealt with in thousands at from 7/8 to 1 per cent. premium.

Everything points to domestic trouble for Spain. The little boy king's friends would act wisely to find him a comfortable home in another country.

The Times seems to have a bad habit of looking in a mirror when it evolves spiteful things about the Colonist.

OLD ENGLAND'S FLAG VS. DR. W. A. CHASE.

The virtues of Dr. Chase's remedies are known the world over and like old England's flag the sun on them never sets.

Dr. Chase's Ointment, Kidney-Liver Pills, Catarrh Cure, Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine and Liver Cure enjoy the confidence of everybody. They have won their way into the public favor on merit. Their sterling qualities and high standing and purity have made them the household word all round the world. All dealers sell and recommend them.

WHAT SHALL I GIVE?

Wanted till the last days and still undecided, aren't you? It's one of the bugaboo tasks of the whole year to pick out the Christmas things, isn't it? Now we are quite sure that a glance round our store will help you—perhaps settle most of these little worries. We have no end of pretty and useful things for "Him," for "Her," and for the "Little Ones." Here are a few suggestions:

Poets in Cloth and Morocco Bindings
Dainty Classics at 50 cents each
Oak Leaf Classics at 50 cents
Fountain and Stylographic Pens
Pearl Pen-holders
Prang's Art Pictures
Dressing Cases in Leather
Toilet Cases in Celluloid

Ladies' Purses, silver mounted
Photograph Albums
Collar and Cuff Boxes
The New Books Nicely Bound
1000 Kinds of Games
Wonderful Value in Dolls
Duplicate Whist Sets
Etc., Etc., Etc.

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SPENCER'S

Only Two Days to Christmas

More New Goods for To-day's Selling

Beautiful Chinaware, Chocolate Pots, Milk Sets, Spoon Holders, Salad Bowls, and Saucers to match, Plates, Inkstands, Pin Boxes, Card Boxes. Vases, Toilet Sets.

The above goods are very late in coming, so we have marked them so cheap they all ought to go To-day.

Gifts that are specially desirable and not easy to get are English Basket Chairs, Five O'clock Tea Stands, Cake Stands, Linen Baskets, Etc. We had a lot round the Horn at a very low freight and had them priced accordingly.

Notwithstanding the heavy inroads on our stock made by the past few days' business, the arrival of New Goods seems to keep the tables and counters fresh with pretty things for presents

Yesterday we opened a case of Smokers' Tabes priced at \$3.50 and \$5.00, and another case of those Bamboo Stands and Fern Pots so much admired. Prices 35c. to \$1.75.

In the men's outfitting section we show a fine lot of Satin and Silk Suspenders, richly embroidered by hand, beautiful goods and very moderately priced

We show a Case of Sterling Silver Novelties Bon-Bon Spoons and Forks, Paper Knives; Glove Menders, Tea Strainers all of the finest quality and priced for quick selling.

We show hosts of articles suitable for presents; so many that it is impossible to particularize. If in doubt what to give walk through the store to-morrow and some one or other of the many articles displayed will prove to be just the thing.

D. Spencer, Government Street

Special bargain in gloves to be sold To-night at 7:30. Real Josephine Gloves 4 clasp, black, tans and browns, sizes 5 3-4 up to 7 1-2. Regular value \$1.50. Special to-night \$1.

\$1.50 HELLO! HOW IS THIS? \$3.00

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Keep cool, sir, keep cool; I mean exactly what I say. Elephant Ready-Mixed Paint, in my estimation, anyway, has never been equalled; certainly never surpassed. The company making it employs the largest staff of experts of any company in Canada. They are color manufacturers as well as paint-makers. Oh, I see you understand now what I mean by stating so emphatically that you may pay double the money for some other grade and not get an article as good as "ELEPHANT." Another thing I like about the "ELEPHANT" brand is you have sixty-nine shades to choose from, and can get from one-half pint up to a gallon, or for that matter a barrel.

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Dressing Gowns, Smoking Jackets, Silk Handkerchiefs, Silk and Cashmere Mufflers, Gloves, Ties, Umbrellas, Fancy Suspenders. 20 Cases just to hand

B. WILLIAMS & CO. Clothiers and Hatters
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THE LOCAL NEWS.

Smoke Capstan—cool and comforting.
Drink Blue Ribbon Tea.
Pool and bowling alley—the Adelphi.
Carpenters' Tools at Cheapside.
Majestic Ranges at Cheapside.
Smoke Capstan—cool and comforting.
Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occidental.
Hotel Victoria, Victoria, strictly first-class. Rates \$2 upwards.
Bowling for turkeys this week—Adelphi.
Air-tight Heaters, own make, at Clarke & Pearson's.
Free tombola tickets for the ladies at Drill hall concert to-morrow night.
G. B. D. Pipes, silver-mounted, etc., at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.

Sure To Please.—Christmas presents bought from Challoner & Mitchell. See the list in their front page advertisement to-day.

Union Brewery Depot, 150 Government street, north of Hotel Victoria. G. B. Harrison, agent.

Do not forget that Weiler Bros. are still on Fort street, and are showing an unusually large range of holiday presents.

Open Every Evening.—For the convenience of holiday shoppers Challoner & Mitchell are now open every evening until 10 o'clock.

Almost bewildering is the sight of so many beautiful and useful articles in Weiler Bros' show, and which have been imported for the Christmas trade.

Do not leave everything to the last day. Make your selections now, and we will deliver on the 24th. Weiler Bros.

Good Taste.—Goes a long way in selecting a Christmas present. Challoner & Mitchell offer the most desirable and seasonable novelties.

Useful Gifts.—English solid leather purses at Fox's. See our window, see our advertisement, and your trouble in choosing a gift will be ended.

You will find lots of things to interest you at Weiler Bros., who have the largest stock of Xmas goods in the city.

Not Costly But Good.—Christmas presents bought from Challoner & Mitchell combine quality and elegance, at prices to suit all.

It will pay you to have a look in at Lange & Co.'s jewellery stock before buying your Xmas presents anywhere else. Diamonds, Watches, Silverware and other fine goods are being absolutely and literally slaughtered. Note the address—86 Douglas street.

Open Every Evening.—For the convenience of holiday shoppers Challoner & Mitchell are now open every evening until 10 o'clock.

Grand Turkey Raffle Christmas and New Year's Eve. Victoria Hotel Cafe, down stairs.

In Hospital.—T. K. Smith, who was badly frozen on the Northern trails when coming out from Atlin and who arrived on the Rosalie Wednesday night, went to the Jubilee hospital yesterday, where it is expected he will be obliged to have the majority of the fingers of both hands amputated.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

Kid Gloves reduced from \$1.25 to 75c. a pair; all sizes to day at The Sterling, 88 Yates Street.

VICTORIA CONFECTIONERS

Are requested to visit OKELL & MORRIS' Show rooms before purchasing XMAS CANDIES. The largest and best Assortment in B. C. All Home Manufactured.

See Our Windows

Before Buying
Call on Colloid Cases, Manicure sets
Leather Cases, Roger & Gallet's
Perfumes, Etc.
Hall & Co. Dispensing Chemists
Clarence Block, Cor. Yates and Douglas

Hunt Club.—The Victoria Hunt Club will meet on Saturday at 2:30 at Stadium, the residence of Major Dupont.

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An Omission.—In the official account of the children's carnival the name of Messrs. M. R. Smith & Co., who made a most generous donation of sweets, was inadvertently omitted.

New Store.—George J. Cook has opened a general retail store in the building lately used as a post office at Victoria West, and in addition to a complete assortment of groceries, dry goods and notions, he intends for the convenience of residents of the western suburbs to have the morning Colonist on sale.

A Farewell Opportunity.—Victorians are to be favored with yet two more opportunities to hear the delightful tenor, Mr. Sydney H. Morse, prior to the inauguration of his American tour. He is to give a recital at Institute hall next Tuesday evening, and to sing at the same place on the following Thursday.

Turkey Tombola.—A turkey tombola will be the extra attraction at to-morrow evening's Drill hall concert. Every lady attending this Christmas eve concert will be given a numbered ticket entitling her to a chance in the drawing for the turkeys. The drawing will take place during the concert, and holders of winning tickets must be in the hall at the time of the drawing.

The Wrong Family.—A paragraph in the Montreal Star incorrectly stated that Kenneth Finlayson, who recently pleaded guilty to misappropriating Dominion savings bank funds, is a son of the late chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company. The facts is, as stated in the city press, that the unfortunate young man belongs to another family altogether, his father having been a grocer in this city.

For Artists.—With a view to affording colonial artists an opportunity of introducing their work to the notice of the Mother Country, the editor of The Studio, the well-known magazine of fine and applied art, 5 Henrietta street, Covent Garden, London, is offering prizes for a competition open exclusively to artists and art students residing in the British colonies and dependencies. Particulars of the conditions of the competition will be found in the December number of the magazine.

A Sad Case.—When some weeks ago the steamer Utopia caught fire and was otherwise in hard stress in a fierce storm between Skagway and Wrangell, one of the passengers whose name was Hicks, jumped into one of the life boats which immediately upset, and all on board supposed he was drowned. It is now learned that he held to the upturned boat and finally drifted ashore, where he was found by Indians and cared for eight days. Through his sufferings and hardships he lost his mind, but before he became demented he had requested the Indians to take him to Wrangell. They did so, but on the way the man died.

Committed for Trial.—Lee Gee, the Chinaman arrested on the charge of attempting to grab a watch and chain from a boy named Keeler, was yesterday committed for trial by Magistrate Hall. Keeler and his brother in their evidence said that they were walking along Hillside avenue, when he grabbed the chain, breaking it. In the scuffle that followed the Chinaman dropped the chain. After the arrest, Detective Palmer, several boys and the Chinaman searched the vicinity for the chain, but could not find it. Later young Keeler, according to his story, went down with a lantern and located the chain partly buried in the mud. He did not pick it up, but went and got Guard Thompson of the provincial gao, to do so. The sidewalk where the alleged attempt at highway robbery took place is narrow, and the boys said in their evidence that one had to drop behind the other to allow the Chinaman to pass.

Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia, and too hearty eating, is relieved at once by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Don't forget this.

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Keep your money in the city.
Buy B.C. Hams and Bacon
They are delicious. Ask your
Grocer for them.
EARSMAN, HARDIE & CO. PACKERS

YESTERDAY
MISS LOTTIE BURNS,
of Dawson City, better known
as the mother of the Klondike
purchased her Christmas Presents
from us, the net weight of
which amounted to 200 lbs.
We invite you all to do the same.
HENRY YOUNG & CO.
The White House

FOR XMAS AND NEW YEAR

NEW STERLING SILVER

And Silver Mounted Goods

HANDKERCHIEF BOXES, GLOVE BOXES, CIGAR AND
CIGARETTEE BOXES, STATIONERY CASES,
CANDLESTICKS,

And an Immense Assortment of Articles for General Use, which we ask
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WE SUGGEST

Neckwear (made expressly for us in England), Gloves,
Silk Mufflers, Silk Handkerchiefs, Smoking Jackets,
Dressing Gowns, Silk Umbrellas, Fancy Vests, Etc.

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CHRISTY'S LONDON HATS

In the Latest Shapes and Colors. Watch our
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CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS IN GREAT VARIETY JUST ARRIVED.

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Geo. H. Maynard No. 85 Douglas Street.

MORE CANCELLATIONS.

Appointments of Kootenay County
Court Registrars Cancelled
by the Government.

All Selectors of Jurors Throughout
the Province Also Relieved of their Duties.

Yesterday's Official Gazette contains notice of the cancellation of all appointments of registrars and deputy registrars for the county of Kootenay, under the County Courts Act, and the appointment of the following registrars of the County Court of Kootenay, at the places set opposite their names: Ernest T. H. Simkins, Nelson; Herbert R. Townsend, Rossland; Alex. Sprout, New Denver; Jas. P. Armstrong, Port Steele; John D. Sibbald, Revelstoke; Frank C. Lang, Golden; John Keen, Kaslo. These cancellations and appointments take effect on January 10.

Other appointments, notice of which is given in the Gazette, are: Frank Burnett, of Vancouver, to perform the duties prescribed by Investment and Loan Societies act in respect to all investments and loans societies which have their offices in said city; Jas. Anthony Turner, of Nelson, government agent, to be a member of the governing board of said city; W. A. McDonald, and to be stipendiary magistrate in and for the county of Kootenay; Jas. Clement Dockerill, of Vancouver, to register for the purposes of the Marriage act.

All selectors of jurors throughout the province have also been relieved of their duties and the following new appointments made: William Dalby, Victoria, for Victoria county; John Hilbert, Nanaimo, for Nanaimo county; Charles Gardner, John of Vancouver, for Vancouver county; and Jas. B. Kennedy, of New Westminster, for Westminister county.

The provincial government offices will be closed on the 26th inst. and 2nd prox. A court of revision will be held at New Westminster on January 12th at 10:30 a.m. sitting of the Supreme court of British Columbia will be held at Nelson on February 6th, and at Rossland on February 13th. Cases must be set down for hearing on the first day of each sitting, and a peremptory list of at least three cases a day will be made.

The partnership heretofore existing between Joseph McPhee and C. J. Moore of Comox has been dissolved. Mr. McPhee will carry on the business at Courtney and Mr. Moore that at Cumberland. Messrs. H. J. Rayner, John M. Seraff, and Finlay Macdonald have applied for the incorporation under the Beneficial Societies act of Rosland Lodge No. 36, I.O.O.F.

The shareholders of the Nip and Tuck Gold Hydraulic Mining Company will have a meeting at Vancouver on January 23 to consider an offer for the purchase of the company's property. The Nip and Tuck Mining Company is authorized as an extra provincial company, with head offices at 15 Austin Friars, London, Eng., and a capital of £100,000. The provincial head office is at Rosland, with Edwin Durrant as attorney. The Rose Marie Mines, Limited, with head offices at Vancouver, has been incorporated with a capital of £25,000, and the Big Bend Transportation Company, Limited, with head office at Revelstoke, and a capital of \$125,250.

We keep the best of liquors and cigars at Adelphi.

AN AGREEMENT REACHED.

Mortgages Take Possession of the
Steamer Manauense and Pay Off
Other Claimants.

All the difficulties that appeared to beset the steamer Manauense with a network of legal complications have been dispelled, and the last of the outside creditors, the Albion Iron Works Co., have had their claim disposed of in its entirety. The Manauense now belongs to the mortgages, and the much discussed proposition to place her on the British Columbia-San Francisco run in opposition to the steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, falls to the ground. The expectation is that the Manauense will now be operated between this city and the entry ports of the new North Land, under the management of Robert Ward & Co., Ltd. Arrangements in this direction are as yet incomplete, however.

FAREWELL TO THE SEATTLE.

Steamer Rosalie will sail North this evening. She will be joined on the route on the 27th by the City of Seattle, which makes her last run for the City of Kingston to-day. The latter will be like a new boat when she resumes service and through the improvements made during her overhauling will be capable of considerably improved speed.

THE GARONNE EXCURSION.

The Honolulu Gazette of December 6 says: With seventy odd tourists on board, the long-looked-for British-American liner Garonne docked at Pacific Mail wharf at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, from Seattle, thirteen days, via Hilo, twenty hours.

"The Garonne arrived at Hilo last Saturday morning, and all the passengers went to the volcano to stay over Sunday. She sailed from Hilo at 6 o'clock Monday evening and had a pleasant trip down. Hacks and wagnettes provided by the Hawaiian hotel were in waiting for the Garonne, and for the next week the passengers will enjoy the scenes in and around this island."

MARINE NOTES.

British ship Langdale (2,047 tons) is on berth at London, to sail about February 1 with general cargo for this city and Vancouver.

Tug Lorne left for Tacoma last evening with the bark Walter H. Wilson, which, as previously stated, has been chartered to load wheat for the United Kingdom.

H. M. S. Imperieuse has returned to Esquimaux from Comox and reports that the Maple Spit beacon was carried away by recent storms.

ENTREPRENEUR.

Str. Islander from Vancouver.
Str. City of Seattle from Port Townsend.
Str. Czar from Vancouver.
Str. Lorne from Vancouver Bay.
Str. Troubadour from Sooke.
Str. Princess Louise from New Westminster.
Str. Garland from Port Angeles.

CLEARED.

Str. Islander for Vancouver.
Str. City of Seattle for Port Townsend.
Str. Czar for Vancouver.
Str. Princess Louise for New Westminster.
Str. Garland for Port Angeles.

Turkey tombola for ladies at the Drill hall concert to-morrow night.

Sure To Please.—Christmas presents bought from Challoner & Mitchell. See the list in their front page advertisement to-day.

THE WESTSIDE

The quality of every article sold at the "Westside" is fully guaranteed and your money always cheerfully refunded if you are in any way dissatisfied with your purchase. When we say

We guarantee Perrins' Kid Gloves

We Mean It.

If your present is to be Gloves see that "Perrins' Bretagne" or Perrin's Olga is stamped on every pair.

For Sale Only at The Westside



Having had a remarkably successful season in this department we have decided to dispose of the balance of our high-class Fur Muffs, Collars, Sets, Etc., at

GREATLY REDUCED PRICES

If you wish to give a highly acceptable present you can do so at a very moderate price.

Hundreds of suitable presents for Christmas can be found in the Martle Department on Second Floor, while on Ground Floor our stock of High-Class Dry Goods will be found complete in every respect.

..J. HUTCHESON & CO..

STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING
UNTIL CHRISTMAS

JUST ONE THOUGHT:::

We have prepared for your consideration a large lot of Scotch and English Woollens, which consist of all the latest shades. We will sell for the next thirty days at a discount of 10 per cent. FOR CASH ONLY off regular prices.

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Useful Holiday Presents

GOLD SPECTACLES
GOLD EYEGLASSES

For father or mother. Glasses will be changed to suit, after the holidays, free of charge.

OPERA GLASSES

Selling them at cost. Pearl, \$4.50 to \$12; Black, \$1.50 to \$3.

BAROMETERS
THERMOMETERS

Useful in every house. Barometers \$3.50 to \$13.50. Thermometers 25c. to \$7.50.

EDISON PHONOGRAPHS
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The entertainer of the entire household—\$12.50 to \$35.00. Come hear them.

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Plum Puddings

The richness, fine flavor and good eating qualities of these plum puddings is the happy result of combining skill, knowledge and the purest of materials, with the facilities afforded by a first class cooking department. Order some for your Christmas dinner and you will not be disappointed. Two to 5 pounds each.

D. R. POTTINGER,

The Ideal (new address), 72 Yates st., between Broad and Government.

FAME'S PATHWAY.

Colonel Roosevelt says this about boxing: "When I was in Harvard and spared for the championship I suffered heavier punishment than any man there did, and I have been knocked out at polo twice for a ten times longer period than Choyinski was knocked out for. I don't care much for professional sport of any kind, but I thoroughly believe in boxing."

The daughter of the well known anthropologist and criminologist, Professor Lombroso, of Turin, Paolo Lombroso, has been sentenced by the criminal court of that city to thirty-two days' imprisonment and a fine of sixty-two lire, on the charge of exciting class hatred and causing violation of the law. She holds socialistic views, like her father and other professors of the University of Turin.

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From the Ashcroft Journal.

Senator R. H. Campbell and daughter arrived in Ashcroft on Tuesday's stage direct from Horseshoe, where Mr. Campbell has begun in an extensive way to push the work of opening up the old channel on which he sunk a prospecting shaft last season.

It will be recalled by readers of the Journal that a shaft and incline was sunk to a depth of nearly 400 feet, and that while the deep part of the channel was not reached from the rim rock rich gravel was taken out and the proof absolute made that there is an old river bed there, and that the bottom of it carries immense quantities of auriferous gravel. This old stream was at one time, Mr. Campbell and other good judges declare, the outlet for the Fraser, Horsefly, Quesselle and Clearwater rivers, and perhaps also the North Thompson river.

The work done by the Miocene Company would indicate that there is an immense old channel 1,000 or more feet wide and more than 400 feet below the present surface of the ground, which extends for many miles. The Miocene Company alone has about five miles of ground. Mr. Campbell has erected an immense shaft house 75x80 feet, a saw mill being under the roof, and has already begun the sinking of a triple compartment shaft 5x15 feet in the clear. Contractors for timber have been made, and the company, having a saw mill so handy, will be able to furnish the immense shaft house soon. Then a full force will be at work day and night in sinking the great shaft. This work, Mr. Campbell hopes, if everything goes well, to have accomplished by next July and to then be on bedrock. Of course, in an undertaking of this kind many delays may occur, but with fair results next July will, Senator Campbell thinks, see this work completed.

It is an expensive proposition sinking a shaft of this size for 400 or more feet, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000, but done as this will be Mr. Campbell says it will answer for a working shaft for ten or more years in this great channel. Of course, there will be no way of working this channel only by drifting out the rich gravel from bedrock, hoisting it to the surface and dumping it into the sluices. Gravel to work must be rich, but the showing found in sinking the present prospecting shaft last season full justifies the expense.

The old Harper claim just above, it will be recalled, gave trial pans from its deepest ground last season of \$4 to \$7 frequently, and in one pan \$23 was taken out. The immense size of this old channel is the most astonishing. A channel 1,000 feet wide and extending, as does this channel or system of channels, for very many miles means that Senator Campbell is right, ground will be opened up in the Horseshoe country that will eventually give work to thousands of men in drifting, timbering, sluicing, etc. Besides looking after the work in Horseshoe, Senator Campbell has this season run a survey and an extended report on the Eleventh of England group of mines at Stanley, on Lightning creek, and since bought for an English company represented by Messrs. Mund and Bremer. The English company is composed of men of large wealth who will furnish all of the money needed to put the mines upon Lightning creek in working order.

Other work has also been done by Mr. Campbell on Burns creek for the Medico Company, and also for other companies in the neighborhood, so that altogether Mr. Campbell has had a busy season.

The importance of the work being carried on in the Horseshoe by the Miocene Company can scarcely be exaggerated. If the old channel in the Horseshoe country will pay to drift, as past experience in the Williams and Lightning creeks section did, it means that Cariboo will quadruple its population within a year, for there will be work of some kind for all comers. The rich gravel in the Cariboo Hydraulic, the old channel where there is now exposed gravel five feet thick on bedrock that runs several dollars to the pan, goes to prove the richness of the gravel on bedrock in that section. Let Senator Campbell make the success that now seems fair to expect, and investors will be so thick in the Horseshoe country that there will scarcely be standing room.

Miss Campbell, who has spent the season with her father in Cariboo, has found health, and while far from well last spring when she first visited Cariboo, she is now in perfect health. Senator Campbell will bring his family with him on his next trip, which will be in the early spring. Miss Campbell goes at once down to California, and Mr. Campbell will, after a week on the Coast, follow her, spending the holidays at his home in California.

THE SMELTER AT BOUNDARY.

J. P. Graves' Montreal Company to Treat Ores of Knob Hill and Old Ironsides.

From the Boundary Creek Times.

Jay P. Graves will make a big fortune in Boundary Creek and he deserves it. Not satisfied with floating two big companies to develop and operate two of the largest mines in the world, he recently organized a company to build a 400-ton smelter. The company was floated in Montreal and the principal shareholders are S. H. C. Miner, of the Granby Rubber Company; W. H. Robinson, of the Eastern Townships Bank; A. C. Gault, one of Montreal's merchant princes; J. P. Whitney, of Philadelphia, a son of the ex-secretary of the navy, and other capitalists of the East. All those mentioned are heavy stockholders in both the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill companies. Mr. Graves has, in connection with the flotation of the two mining companies and the new smelting company demonstrated that he is one of the cleverest mining operators in the West. Quiet and unassuming, one would hardly suppose that he was the financier for two or three companies that are sure at no distant date to attract the attention of the mining world. The secret of Mr. Graves' strength lies in his thorough grasp of the details in connection with his undertakings. In conversation with Mr. Graves last summer, the writer was amazed at his accurate knowledge concerning every practicable and impracticable undertaking connected with the development of the mineral resources of Boundary Creek. He at once pointed out the weak spots in one's arguments, the disadvantages of certain positions, the obstacles to be met with in one quar-

ter and the advantages of another. One could not converse with him for half an hour without becoming convinced that he was right, and that any plan that he might suggest or adopt would be the best, and the most profitable. The Eastern capitalist desiring to invest his money has to be convinced that any proposition submitted to him is a business proposition and then he is willing to take chances. It is more than probable that Mr. Graves could convince the Eastern capitalist that he was right even if he were wrong, but the proposition to build a smelter to treat the ores of the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides mines offers so many flattering inducements, that it is not surprising to learn that interesting shareholders oversubscribed for the stock by more than a million shares. The flotation is one of the most successful ever made in Canada.

The two properties whose ores are to be treated at the new smelter, have been described more than once in the columns of the Times. The Old Ironsides is a big mine, but the Knob Hill is going to be the largest mine of the kind in the world. The crosscut tunnel in the Knob Hill ledge is now in at 117 feet. It was thought last week that the "streak" of pay ore had been passed, for values were beginning to decrease. The alarm was a false one and the drills are still pounding through pay ore. The "streak" of pay ore referred to extends from the mouth of the tunnel to the face of the Old Ironsides ledge, and covers over 7,000 tons of ore have been taken and there is not a pound of waste on the dump. It is not all of high grade value, but the company, by treating its own ore, will make a handsome profit from any portion of the dump. Some people are of the opinion that the ores of these mines are not appreciated. The mining history of the world does not reveal anything like it. In this connection it might be stated that the Spokesman-Review was informed some three weeks ago that the tunnel on the Knob Hill—137 feet—had been driven to the ledge. A private letter was written to the mining editor, that when there is no brighter or more reliable newspaper man in the West. The letter briefly mentioned the length of the tunnel and size of ledge. He evidently thought that an attempt was being made to "pull the wool" over his eyes, and he refrained from making the correction until the information was corroborated by several reliable authorities. The Knob Hill is simply a mountain of self-fluxing ore. The Old Ironsides is a close second. Our authority for this statement that the ores are practically self-fluxing is Mr. J. P. Graves, M.E., the manager of the Mother Lode mine. Mr. Kaffer enlarges upon this point in an interesting article on Boundary Creek ores, which will appear in the Christmas issue of the Times. Mr. Kaffer bases his statement on the result of a number of analyses made by other mining experts substantiate Mr. Kaffer's statements.

Last year, when the application for the Corbin charter was being considered by parliament, the cry was raised that the construction of the Corbin and Boundary Creek smelters would cost \$1,000,000. Those acquainted with the mineral resources of the district, knew that Boundary Creek ores had to be smelted at home. It is also safe to state that the ore from the owners' ledges will be smelted by the owners of the properties. With the Ironsides ore, analyses made by other mining experts substantiate Mr. Kaffer's statements.

After these are established, there is plenty of ore left for customs smelting. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company realizes this fact, and Mr. Whyte has announced that the company intends erecting a 1,000-ton smelter at the Boundary Creek district. The site has not yet been selected, but negotiations are in progress for a suitable site near Boundary Falls, about four miles below Greenwood. It is reported that work on this smelter will be commenced in a very short time.

Mr. Graves has not yet selected his site, but unless he changed his mind last fall, when he visited the district, he is still in favor of some point below Greenwood. His views in this respect are endorsed by Mr. S. H. G. Miner, who also visited the district in company with Mr. Graves.

In view of the fact that there is now some assurance that smelters are to be erected and that those having an intimate knowledge of the district maintain that Boundary Creek ores, to be profitably treated, must be treated at home, will not those who honestly or designally objected to the Corbin charter, on the ground that Boundary Creek ores would be hauled out of the country, withdraw their opposition and assist in securing a charter for the road. A competitive railroad means cheaper supplies, cheaper fuel, and insures the development of what is sure to become under favorable conditions the largest mining district in the world.

SMOKING OVER POWDER.

An Australian Miner at Rossland Pays the Usual Penalty.

James Houghton, known also as James G. James and as Australian "Billy," was killed by an explosion of dynamite at the Coxey mine. He lived about fifteen minutes, but never regained consciousness. James, who had a contract for driving 50 feet of tunnelling on the Coxey, was working on the day shift. About 4:30 o'clock he came out to get his charges for the evening blasts. At the blacksmith shop he met the smithy, G. W. Chenoweth, and while talking to him James dropped his fuse and lighted his pipe at the powder warmer. The fuse went to the powder warmer to get his dynamite. A few minutes afterwards there was a terrific explosion. Mr. Chenoweth hurried out of the shop to the powder warmer, twenty feet away. There, buried in the snow, he found James. The left arm had been blown away, and the left leg was crushed in, while the mouth was also cut. He was still alive, and groaning deliciously, hemanaged to sit up. The other miners were hastily summoned and while they were conveying James to a sled he died.

There were about sixteen sticks of powder in the hammer, and as of them went off. The cause of the explosion can only be guessed at. Perhaps some glycerine had leaked from the dynamite, and dropping on the ground, exploded. Perhaps a spark from James' pipe set the fuse and the caps afire, and the explosion of the caps resulted in the explosion of the dynamite.

James was born in Victoria, Australia, and was about 32 years old. He had a wife in his native country, but her address is not known. It is conjectured

that there were family difficulties between them, and that he consequently made the frequent changes of name to which he resorted, in order to prevent her discovering his whereabouts. He had been in America about two years and a half, and came to Rossland four months ago from Nelson. He first worked in the Giant, and then took the contract on the Coxey, at which he was working when killed. He wore a Milwaukee pin, and was believed to have been a member of that order.

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SCORED A POINT.

The Herald noted the other day that our old friend, C. H. Lugin, now editor of the Victoria, B.C., Colonist, has been summoned to appear before the supreme court of the Pacific province to answer to an alleged contempt of court, in that while certain election cases were pending he had in his newspaper questioned the propriety of Judge Martin, recently appointed and fresh from an exciting political contest, trying the cases. We have not seen the result of the motion to commit Mr. Lugin on the charge of contempt, but he has certainly scored an important point in the action of the Judge himself, who has practically confessed that he feels he ought not to be mixed up with the cases in question. When the North Yale case was brought up in the court the other day, Judge Martin declined to hear it, His Lordship stating that he had already acted against his will in election cases in this respect, but we should judge from his utterances quoted above that he has an ambition to rise above the possibility of being accused of political partisanship on the bench. His refusal to try election cases under the circumstances—he had been through the very campaign in which they arose—stands him as a manly judge who is not afraid to admit that the human mind is too frail to become so soon entirely separated from the stirring events of a heated election contest. Mr. Lugin, therefore, in his outspoken comments on the question, has rendered good service, not only to the state, but to the judge himself and the court of which we understand, he is an honored member.

Since the writ for contempt was served on Mr. Lugin, we have observed in the Colonist some very ably written articles on the right of the public press to criticize even the courts, and Mr. Lugin in his campaign has the active assistance of that other clever New Brunswicker, Mr. O'Brien, of the Vancouver World. Both these gentlemen learned in the province, and the freedom of the press, and there are no more stalwart upholders of newspaper privileges than our two former fellow citizens, who lead in their profession in British Columbia.

The Herald hopes that Mr. Lugin will suffer no more from the contempt proceedings than the present writer did when he had his feelings for contempt before the supreme court of New Brunswick, the proceedings being limited to some kindly advice from the presiding judge to the alleged offender, and the latter's admission that he was fully impressed with the enormity of having discussed a case still before the divorce court where there was no jury to prejudice.—Fredricton, N. B., Herald.

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SHAFTER AND MERRITT

American Commanders Tell Their Stories Before War Investigation Commission.

Santiago Expedition a Success and Cheap at Cost of Five Hundred Lives.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Gen. Nelson A. Miles, commanding the United States army, and Gen. Wesley Merritt, commander of the American forces at the capture of Manila, were the principal figures before the war investigation commission to-day. Gen. Miles responded to the summons of the commission only after several days' consideration. He was accompanied by his own stenographer. His examination was comparatively brief and not sensational. He spoke with some bitterness as to the "embalmed beef" and the canned beef furnished the army in the field. This he characterized as an experiment "for which someone in Washington was responsible." He said that the facilities of the Santiago expedition were inadequate, and that the men were short of rations and medicines, and might have been better protected from exposure to fever contagion.

Gen. Merritt told the commission that he regarded the Philippine expedition as a decided success, and would continue it on the same lines if he had to do it over. He spoke in high terms of those under him and said his army was well supplied with medicines and food. Gen. Shafter appeared before the war investigating committee yesterday and told his story of the Santiago expedition. The general's story of the operations around Santiago were tersely told, but at times quite vivid in its recital and interesting detail. Briefly summed up, his estimate of the Santiago expedition was that it had been a military success, and cheap at the cost of 500 men lost in the light. He considered the expedition to have been as well fitted out as the time allowed would permit, and said that in looking back he had no criticism of his plans, and that he could not change them if the events had to be gone through again. He said he had no complaints of any sort to make and would be loth to intrude them at this time if he had.

Capt. A. F. Hardy, of the Fifth Illinois, whose regiment was the first to arrive at Camp Thomas, testified before the commission. Sickened ten days to two weeks after the arrival in camp. The sanitary arrangements of his regimental camp were good, and the regulations promptly enforced. He visited his men in the division hospital and found the arrangements decidedly bad. The hospital was unclean, nurses indifferent, the food bad, with a total lack of milk at first. The men complained to him frequently of their treatment. The hospital arrangements were the only things of which he had cause to complain.

After a brief preface Gen. Shafter went into a detailed account of his preparations for the Santiago expedition. He said his plans were changed three times by the department. He said the transport fleet was not sufficiently large to accommodate 17,000 men for any length of time at sea, but all were so anxious to go that he risked considerable crowding to take all the men possible. He admitted that he took chances in doing this, but said the weather was good and there was no mishap to regret. The men were regulars almost entirely, and he saw that they were made as comfortable as circumstances permitted.

As to medical supplies, Gen. Shafter said: "You know that medical supplies are the one thing that a commanding general or line officer never knows anything about. The surgeon is supposed to know what he wants. My medical officer said he thought he had enough medical supplies for the temporary service to which we thought we were destined. Events proved, however, that the surgeon was mistaken. The ammunition supply was ample."

As to supplies, General Shafter said there was nothing essential left behind. Concerning the landing facilities with the expedition, Gen. Shafter said they had two large landing boats, which were lost on route, and a small tug, the Captain Sim, whose captain deserted during the night. The capacity of the fleet was sufficient for the landing as the events proved.

An interesting incident of the landing was brought out by Gen. Shafter. He said he had arranged with the Cuban general, Castillo, the day prior to the landing to have 1,000 men back of Baiquiri to watch the Spaniards when they were shelled by the navy. Castillo was three hours late, however, and all the Spanish got away.

"How about getting supplies to the front for the men?" asked Gen. Beaver. "It was one of the greatest problems of the campaign and it taxed us to the utmost," said he. "If it had not been for the pack train we could have done it and the expedition would have been a failure."

Gen. Shafter said he regarded the landing of the expedition as unusually successful. They lost only two men and thirty animals out of a total of 20,000 men. It was a remarkable record. As an additional explanation of the difficulty in furnishing supplies ashore, Gen. Shafter said that at one time with an army of 21,000 men, he had to issue rations to 40,000 people, the excess being the refugees from Santiago, women and children for the most part, whom he could not allow to starve.

As to the care of the wounded, Gen. Shafter said that they were cared for as carefully as the circumstances would permit. The doctors worked like Trojans. They deserved the highest commendation from every one. They worked till they were sick and worn out. The doctors were mostly young men. You cannot get very old and experienced surgeons to go on a summer campaign for \$100 a month. But they were splendid fellows. Compared with the civil war the wounded were better cared for in Cuba than they were then.

Touching the signal corps, Gen. Shafter said he was "served admirably." Asked if he thought his own sickness had any effect on the success of the Cuban campaign, Gen. Shafter said:

"No, most decidedly. The campaign was carried out as planned from the start, and my health or sickness did not alter a single plan. I knew I was going to have a sick army on my hands in that country pretty soon, and I simply rushed matters to an issue as soon as possible. For myself, I was not seriously sick. It is true I had the foot, and I had to have my foot tied up in a stirrup, and so I had to build a platform from which to get on my horse. But I certainly had not expected to be

subjected to personal criticism for this. It was military necessity." Gen. Woodbury asked how the staff officers from civil life turned out. Gen. Shafter said: "They were men as a rule who had no previous military experience, and might not have been of much use in executing a military manoeuvre. But I had three of them on my staff, and for carrying orders, distributing rations to the refugees and a thousand necessary things they were invaluable. Beginning with Col. John Jacob Astor, who was, perhaps, the most inexperienced, they were splendid fellows and did what they had to do. Astor fell in which work, ate his beans and did his duty as carefully and expeditiously as though he had not a dollar. Captain Brice, the son of Senator Brice, was an excellent officer, and did fine work in feeding those hungry people in Caney. At times he had to take an axe and beat and stand off some of the men who were keeping back the weaker women and children and he did it effectively."

PRUSSIAN TYRANNY.

Prosecution of Professor for Criticising the Recent Expulsion of Danes.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The prosecution of Dr. Delbrueck, the well-known professor of history in the Berlin university, on account of an article written by him denouncing the expulsion of Danes from Schleswig, is raising a considerable stir. The action of the Prussian government is thrown into relief by Dr. Delbrueck's distinguished record. He was raised to officer's rank on the battlefield of Gravelotte for heroic conduct and acted as tutor to the Emperor's deceased brother, Prince Waldemar. He was a member of the reichstag for six years, but was too independent and advanced to please the reactionary element dominating the government. He is a conservative. Public feeling in the matter is sufficiently shown by the attitude of the press. It is not alone the liberal papers which attack the government, but the government organs express themselves as scandalized with the action of the authorities. The Cologne Gazette, Post, National Zeitung, and Tagliche Rundschau, all of which are staunch conservative papers and opposed to Dr. Delbrueck's views, regret the government's serious blunder and express the hope that the prosecution will be dropped.

WEYLER CALLED IN.

Sagasta Seeks Alliance With Him to Prolong Existence of Spanish Cabinet.

London, Dec. 22.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "Much surprise is expressed that Senor Sagasta should be seeking a ruling compromise alliance with the Weyler party. It is supposed that his idea is to compensate for the loss of some thirty senators and sixty deputies who seceded with Senor Gamazo, the leader of the dissenting Liberals. General Weyler is coming here to confer with the premier, who is expected to accept all the advances of Senor Romero Robledo and Senor Jose Canalejas. This political trimming may prolong the existence of the cabinet, but may influence Liberals absolutely decline to accept the suggested alliance; while the Conservatives refuse to believe that the Queen Regent will consent to such a solution of the grave crisis."

London, Dec. 22.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: In response to another appeal from the queen regent of Spain, the Pope has confidentially written Don Carlos asking him to stop the Carlist agitation.

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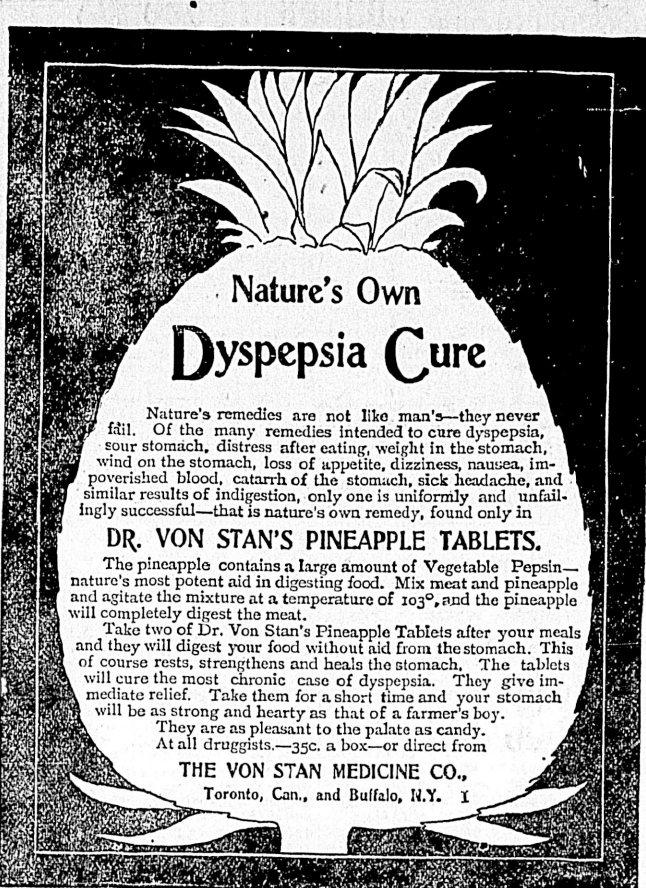
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Dated Victoria, B.C., 17th December, 1898.

Witness:—E. M. Johnson, Real Estate Agent, Victoria, B.C.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 22, 8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

The important high barometer area mentioned yesterday as being off the Oregon coast is now over British Columbia and the adjoining states, where the weather has become fine and colder. Light winds prevail from the Rockies to Manitoba high northwesterly winds continue, accompanied by falling temperatures in advance of the eastwardly moving high area already mentioned. The general outlook is for a brief continuance of the present weather.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	34	44
Kamloops	24	34
Barkerville	14	28
Calgary	12	30
Winnipeg	8	18
Portland	36	42
San Francisco	46	56

FORECASTS.

For twenty-four hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Friday:
Victoria and vicinity—Moderate northerly winds; fair, with frosts at night.
Lower Mainland—Continued fair and cold; local fogs.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Temperatures:	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	35	Mean.....39
Noon	44	Highest.....44
5 p.m.	42	Lowest.....34
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:		
5 a.m.	Calg.	
Noon	4 miles north.	
5 p.m.	5 miles northeast.	
Average state of the weather—Fair.		
Sunshine—Five hours fifty-eight minutes.		
Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.604		
Corrected.....30.553		
E. BAYNES-LEED, Provincial Forecast Office.		

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SMUGGLERS BEWARE.

Systematic Steps Taken by the Canadian Government to Protect the Revenue.

The Puget Sound Sloop Fleet to Be Deprived of Their Stolen Trade.

For years past the customs authorities of Canada have been giving consideration to the prevalence of smuggling in the waters of this province, quite a fleet of sloops and other small craft have been profitably employed, more especially in the Northern sections, where the machinery for the protection of the revenue has been sadly defective. Many and interesting have been the communications on the subject passing between Collector Milne and the departmental heads at Ottawa, and at last the announcement comes from the Federal Capital that a protective scheme has been decided upon and will be immediately put in force. The chief feature of the plan approved is the establishment of six protective posts—three on the inland channels, at Alert Bay, Bella Coola and Port Alberni; and three on the West Coast, at Clayoquot, Alouset and Quatsino—the officers commanding which will have full power to seize any vessel or person found smuggling or otherwise violating the law within the limits of their territorial jurisdiction. Although these stations are not now created ports of entry, coasting and Alaskan traders will be permitted to call at any of them for fuel or supplies, being restricted to these ports and liable to seizure if they should run in elsewhere. The territory comprised in the Alert Bay district will embrace the waters between the Island and the Mainland north of Comox; the Bella Coola officer will overlook the waters contiguous to that port and the islands in the vicinity; while the gentleman having his headquarters at Port Alberni will have in his care the fishing fleet frequenting the halibut banks of Hecate Strait and Dixon Entrance, against whom practically all the sins in the calendar have been alleged, and who have not only helped themselves freely to the Canadian halibut, but supplied all the Indians and white settlers in the locality with Puget Sound groceries, dry goods, liquors and general supplies that pay no duty to the Canadian government, while cutting the Victoria and Vancouver merchants out of their legitimate Northern trade. The West Coast stations will comprise the territories tributary to the three distinctive points named, and, like those of the East Coast, will be under the supervision and direction of Collector Milne, to whom all will report. Generally the new officers, who assume duty forthwith, will do all in their power to prevent or punish violations of customs law, reporting at any opportunity to the collector here, and leaving every seized craft in his hands for trial and punishment. In addition to the six patrolmen, a sub-collector will shortly be assigned to Port Simpson and another to Metlakatla, the duties of the latter being chiefly in the

prevention of contraband United States products being supplied to the Indians. The operation of the six stations if properly handled is expected to obviate the necessity of the long talked of revenue patrol steamer, save a very considerable sum to the Canadian revenue, and divert to Victoria and Vancouver the supply trade of the North that smugglers have for the past few years claimed what is practically a monopoly in.

A MEAN GOVERNMENT.

Lady School Teacher Deprived of a Month's Salary on Technical Quibble.

The following is from the Boundary Creek Times, a paper always opposed to the Turner government, but which apparently finds the new regime not up to expectations: "The new provincial government has found another glorious opportunity to economize. This time the aggregate expenditure for the public schools of the province has been curtailed by the sum of \$855. This is the result of the administration. Some months ago Miss Wickham, the principal of the Greenwood school, became ill. During her illness she engaged Mrs. Flood to take charge of the school. Before Miss Wickham had fully recovered she was offered a position in the Nelson schools, which she accepted. As soon as Miss Wickham's resignation was received by the trustees, they made every effort to secure another certified teacher, but a month had expired before they were able to secure one. In the meantime Mrs. Flood consented to teach until a certified teacher was secured. She did so. Had she not done so the school would have been closed. The education department refused to pay Mrs. Flood any salary for the month, raising the point that she was not a certified teacher. We are not quarrelling with the law in the case. The law is all right, but the justice is a different matter. However, we tender our congratulations to the government for having found another avenue in which to continue its reign of economy. The public interests are more important than those of the lady who generously offered to take charge of the Greenwood school until a certified teacher could be secured. Really if the government continues to show so much enthusiasm in the interests of economy, the province of Ontario will soon take a secondary place so far as surpluses are concerned."

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VICTORIA'S SICK POOR.

Municipal Medical Health Officer Says the Jubilee Does Not Want Them.

Should the City Withdraw Its Grant and Build a Charity Hospital?

Matters appear to be approaching a crisis between the city authorities and the management of the Jubilee hospital on the subject of "poor cases," long a source of vexation and contention. Yesterday an instance in point developed which may possibly bring all differences to a focus and consequent determination.

The case of poor old James Stephens, briefly referred to yesterday, furnishes the illustration. Stephens, a colored man of 77 years, who for some time past has been living a solitary existence in one of Pender's cabins off Humboldt street. He was found there on Wednesday morning, helpless on the cold earth floor, unable to move, and muttering incoherently. The only article of food in the cabin was some uncooked bacon, and Stephens was unable to reach this even had he been able to perform the small service for himself of cooking it.

When the police were advised of the case they took the sufferer to the city station, gave him a series of baths of which he stood sorely in need, and brought to him Dr. R. L. Fraser, the city medical health officer, who decided that his was a case calling for immediate hospital treatment. He had no hesitation in certifying that he man was a fit subject for hospital care, and an order was signed for his admission to the Jubilee by Thomas Shotbolt and Charles Hayward. Yesterday the man and the order were taken to the hospital by Police Constable Abel, but the resident medical officer, Dr. Hasell, refused to accept the patient, objecting that he was insane.

Dr. Fraser was at the police station when the partially paralyzed patient was carried back to the cells, and expressed himself with both force and freedom on the refused admission. It was nonsense, he declared, to classify the man as unfit for hospital treatment on the score of insanity. As a matter of fact, his trouble appeared to be chiefly the deterioration naturally resulting from continued privation and exposure. As to Stephens' mental condition, he was quite sane except on the subject of ghosts, on which he appeared to have some curious hallucinations. They were not enough, however, to stamp him as a dangerous lunatic. He was indeed incapable of being dangerous—a man unable to move through weakness and illness combined—and a medical man would be acting oddly indeed to order the commitment of such a patient to the insane asylum. It was not customary to send men to the asylum on stretchers.

It is alleged that the real reason for setting up the plea of insanity is the determination of the hospital authorities

ties to refuse all the poor cases possible, notwithstanding that the city contributes \$5,000 annually to the hospital funds. In view of this course it is suggested that the time has come for the city to seriously consider the advisability of withdrawing its financial support from the Jubilee hospital and establish in the town a hospital of sufficient size for the accommodation of poor patients and the treatment of emergency cases. As for poor Stephens, Dr. Fraser says that neither the asylum nor the goal is a proper place for him. He had intended that the old man should receive the hospital care necessary for the restoration of his health, and go afterwards to the Old Men's Home, for whose shelter he is eligible.

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SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE.

Tremor Felt in Victoria and Cities Across the Straits Last Evening.

A distinct earthquake shock was felt in Victoria and vicinity about 5:05 last evening. In some parts of the city it was more severe than in others, while some sections apparently escaped, while business houses on Fort street received quite a shake, and the shock was felt in the upper portions of the city.

Across the Straits the shock was more severe than here, as will be seen by the following despatch from Port Angeles: Port Angeles, Wn., Dec. 22.—The city of Port Angeles and vicinity was treated to something uncommon this evening. At 5:10 p.m. a slight earthquake tremor was felt, followed about ten seconds later by the severest shock ever felt in this section of the country. The sensation experienced was very similar to that produced by a very heavy body being thrown against the structure. The vibratory wave seemed to travel from north to south, and was of sufficient violence to cause lamps to sway and rattle crockery on the shelves.

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